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WESTERN CANADIAN OPEN

This 10-round event took place at the Ramada Plaza Vancouver Airport Conference Resort in Richmond, July 9-18. The 97-player turnout was substantially less than the organizers were originally hoping for (the initial prize fund was based on 200 entries), but the field did include 10 titled players (3 GMs, 1 IM, 6 FMs, 1 WFM) and entrants from 8 FIDE Federations: Canada, the U.S., the Netherlands, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Israel, and Scotland.

Generally the top players won the top prizes; the main exceptions were Vicente Lee, newcomer to Canada, who upset GM Juan Bellon Lopez in the last round to claim a share of second overall, and B.C. champion Jack Yoos, who experienced a slow start. Noteworthy results were posted by a number of junior players who performed well above their ratings; these included Jack Cheng, Vlad Gaciu, Eric Hansen, Daniel Kazmaier, Lesley and Andrea Cheng, Valentina Goutor, Brianna Reid, Lucas Davies, Tanraj Sohal, and Robert Lau.

Overall Prizes

Open

1 – GM Pia Cramling
2-3 – GM Juan Bellon Lopez, Vicente Lee

U2400

1-3 – IM Gerard Welling, FM Bruce Harper, FM Nenad Ristic

U2200

1-2 – Jesse Bouvier, Ian Aird
3 – Jeroen van den Bersselaar, Joshua Henson, Joe Oszvald, Alfred Pechsker

Junior

1 – Lucas Davies

2-3 Junior, Women's, 1st U2000 shared between – FM Fanhao Meng, Valentina Goutor, Noam Davies, Daniel Kazmaier

U2000

2 – Travis Lane

3 – Curtis Lister, Gavin Steininger, Hugh Brodie, James Chan, Ben Daswani, Jordan Palmer

U1800

1-3 – Marionito Jose, Eric Hansen, Mike Miller

U1600

1-3 – Lesley Cheng, Jack Cheng, Vlad Gaciu, Sam Churchill

An innovative feature of the WCO was the distribution of a substantial percentage of the prize fund via round prizes. Three prizes, Best Game, Brilliancy, and Upset, were awarded in each class (Open, U2400, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1500) every round, for a total of 15 prizes per round. The Upset prizes were determined solely by result and rating differential (with the latter being halved for a draw), but the Best Game and Brilliancy prizes were judged by GM Duncan Suttles, who assigned a numerical score to each submitted game without knowing the identity of the players. A total of 54 players won round prizes, many of them multiple times; those who amassed more than \$100 in round prizes were Dale Haukenfrers, Vicente Lee, Nathaniel Koons, Ben Daswani, Eric Hansen, Travis Lane, Daniel Kazmaier, Joshua Henson, and Jack Cheng. The latter, who is 8 years old and rated 1267, won five (!) upset prizes against "A" and "B" class players, and finished the tournament on 50%.

Many thanks are due to all those who helped organize the WCO, the financial sponsors, the TDs, and to the players. While the tournament might have been smaller than the organizers had envisaged, it did fulfill one of the objectives for a successful event - the players enjoyed themselves.

Further details, including a full crosstable, photographs, lists of round prizes, and games, can be found at the tournament website, <http://www.chessbc.com/>

Most of the following selection of games were awarded an "8" or better by GM Duncan Suttles as either a Best Game or Brilliancy:

Miller,M - Harper,B [A42] Western CAN op Richmond (1.7), 09.07.2004

1.d4 g6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Nd7 4.e4 e5 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Be3 Ngf6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Re8 10.b4 a5 11.a3 b6 12.Ne1 Bb7 13.f3 Nh5 14.Rc1 Nf4 15.g3 Ne6 16.Nc2 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Qd2 axb4 19.axb4 c5 20.Nb5 f4 21.Bf2 Ng5 22.Qd1 e4 23.Nd6 Qc7 24.Nxe8 Rxe8 25.g4 exf3 26.Bd3 Nh3+ 27.Kh1 Re2 0-1

Chan,J - Harper,B [A42] Western CAN op Richmond (3.9), 11.07.2004

1.d4 g6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 Nd7 5.f3 e5 6.d5 f5 7.Be3 Bh6 8.Qd2 Bxe3 9.Qxe3 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qh6 11.Qxh6 Nxh6 12.Nb5 Kd8 13.Nh3 Nf7 14.Nf2 a6 15.Nc3 Nf6 16.0-0-0 Rf8 17.Nd3 fxe4 18.fxe4 Bg4 19.Re1 Ke7 20.Bg2 Ng5 21.Re3 Bh3 22.Bxh3 Nxh3 23.Re2 Ng4 24.Nd1 Rf3 25.Ne1 Rf7 26.Nd3 Raf8 27.Kd2 Rf3 28.Ne3 Ngf2 29.Nxf2 Nxf2 30.Rf1 Nxe4+ 31.Ke1 Rxf1+ 32.Nxf1 Nc5 33.Re3 a5 34.b3 c6 35.Ke2 Rc8 36.Nd2 cxd5 37.cxd5 b5 38.a4 bxa4 39.bxa4 Nxa4 40.Ra3 Nc3+ 41.Kd3 Nxd5 42.Rxa5 Rc3+ 43.Ke2 Nf6 0-1

MacLeod,S - Milicevic,D [B06] Western CAN op Richmond (3.15), 11.07.2004

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.f3 h5 7.Nh3 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Nd1 Rb8 10.c3 c5 11.Ng5
e6 12.dxc5 bxc3 13.Nxc3 Qa5 14.Bd4 Rxb2 15.Bxg7 Rxd2 16.Kxd2 Nxc5 17.Kc2 Bd7 18.Be2 Nxa4
19.Bxh8 f6 20.Ra3 Qxg5 21.Nxa4 Qxg2 22.Re1 Qf2 23.Kd2 Qd4+ 24.Bd3 Bxa4 25.Rc3 Ne7 26.Rc4
Qb2+ 27.Bc2 Bb5 28.Rc7 Qd4+ 29.Kc1 Kd8 30.Rb7 Qe5 31.Rd1 Qxh2 32.Bg7 Qf4+ 33.Kb1 h4
34.Bf8 Nc8 35.Rh7 g5 36.Bb3 Qxf3 37.Bc2 Qf4 38.Kb2 Bc6 39.Kb1 Bxe4 40.Rf7 Ke8 41.Rc7 Kxf8
42.Rxc8+ Kf7 43.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 44.Kc1 d5 0-1

Haukenfrers,D - Davies,N [A16] Western CAN op Richmond (4.13), 12.07.2004

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.Nf3 g6 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e4 Nb6 7.Qc2 Bg7 8.Bb5 Bd7 9.Bxc6 Bxc6
10.d4 0-0 11.Bg5 f6 12.Qb3+ Kh8 13.Bf4 e5 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxe5 16.Nxe5 Qf6 17.Nf3 Rae8
18.0-0-0 Bxe4 19.Nxe4 Rxe4 20.Rhe1 Rc4+ 21.Kb1 a5 22.Ne5 Rb4 23.Qf3 Qg7 24.Qh3 Na4 25.Rd7
Rxb2+ 26.Kc1 Qg8 27.Qh6 Rf6 28.Rxh7+ Qxh7 29.Nf7+ 1-0

Kazmaier,D - Raymer,E [C01] Western CAN op Richmond (4.27), 12.07.2004

1.Nc3 e5 2.e3 Nf6 3.d4 exd4 4.exd4 d5 5.Bd3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nge2 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.Bg5 Bd4
10.Qd2 Bb6 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Nxd5 Qxb2 13.Rab1 Qxa2 14.Nec3 Qa3 15.Rb4 Be6 16.Bxh7+ Kh8
17.Rh4 Re8 18.Nf6 gxf6 19.Bg6+ Kg8 20.Qh6 ffg6 21.Qh8+ Kf7 22.Rh7# 1-0

Welling,G - Cramling,P [D00] Western CAN op Richmond (5.1), 13.07.2004

1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 h6 3.Bh4 c6 4.a3 Qb6 5.Ra2 Bf5 6.e3 Nd7 7.c4 Bxb1 8.Qxb1 e5 9.Nf3 e4 10.Nd2 g5
11.Bg3 f5 12.c5 Qd8 13.h4 Bg7 14.hxg5 hxg5 15.Rxh8 Bxh8 16.Bd6 Nh6 17.Be2 Nf6 18.b4 Nf7
19.Bg3 a6 20.a4 Qd7 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Rxa2 23.Qxa2 cxb5 24.Qa5 Ke7 25.Bxb5 Qc8 26.Qa3 Ke6
27.Nb3 Nh5 28.Bh2 g4 29.Qa7 f4 30.Qb6+ Kf5 31.Bxf4 Nxf4 32.exf4 Bf6 33.g3 Bd8 34.Qa7 Qc7
35.Ke2 Nh6 36.Qa1 Qe7 37.Qa4 Ke6 38.Be8 Ng8 39.Nd2 Nf6 40.Bg6 Qd7 41.Qb4 Qc6 42.Kf1 Qa6+
43.Kg1 Ba5 44.Qb2 e3 45.fxe3 Qe2 46.Qxb7 1-0

Welling,G - Bellon Lopez,J [A04] Western CAN op Richmond (6.1), 14.07.2004

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.d3 Ne7 5.0-0 0-0 6.e4 d6 7.c3 Nbc6 8.b4 Qe8 9.Nbd2 h6 10.Bb2 f5
11.Qb3+ Qf7 12.Qxf7+ Rxf7 13.a4 fxe4 14.dxe4 Bg4 15.h3 Be6 16.Rfe1 Raf8 17.Re2 a5 18.b5 Nb8
19.Ne1 Nd7 20.Ba3 Nc8 21.Nd3 Ncb6 22.Nb2 h5 23.c4 Bh6 24.Rc1 h4 25.Rc3 hxg3 26.fxg3 Nc8
27.Nf1 b6 28.Nd3 Nc5 29.Nb2 Bd7 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.Ne3 Bxe3+ 32.Rcxe3 Nb6 33.Rc3 Be6 34.Rcc2
g5 35.Re1 Rh7 36.g4 Rhf7 37.Ree2 Rf4 38.Re3 Kg7 39.Ree2 Bg8 40.Re3 R4f6 41.Ree2 R8f7
42.Red2 Kf8 43.Rd3 Rf4 44.Re3 Ke7 45.Rd3 Bh7 46.Re2 Kd8 47.Rc3 R4f6 48.Rd3 Bg8 49.Rc3 Rf8
50.Rd2 c6 51.Rdc2 Kc7 52.Rd2 Rf4 53.Rdc2 Ra8 54.Rd2 cxb5 55.cxb5 Rf6 56.Kh2 Raf8 57.Kg3 Be6
58.Rdc2 Kd7 59.Rd2 Ke7 60.Rdc2 Rc8 61.Rd2 c4 62.Rdc2 Rf4 63.Rd2 Bg8 64.Rdc2 d5 65.exd5 Kd6
66.Rc1 Bxd5 67.Bxd5 Kxd5 68.Nd1 Rd4 69.Ne3+ Ke4 70.Nf5 Rd3+ 71.Kg2 Rc7 72.R3c2 Kd5 73.Ng3
Nxa4 74.Ra1 Nb6 75.Rxa5 c3 76.Ra6 Rd2+ 77.Rxd2+ cxd2 78.Nf1 Rc2 79.Ne3+ Kc5 80.Kf1 Kxb5
81.Ke2 Kxa6 82.Nxc2 Nc4 83.Nb4+ Kb5 84.Nd5 Kc5 85.Nf6 Kd4 86.h4 e4 0-1

Spears,N - Yoos,J [A50] Western CAN op Richmond (7.6), 15.07.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 d6 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 a5 10.Qc2
a4 11.Rac1 Bd7 12.Rfd1 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Qc3 Rfe8 17.Nd2 Nd4 18.Kf1
Bg4 19.Re1 Qh6 20.e3 Qxh2 21.exd4 exd4 22.Nf3 Qxg2+ 23.Kxg2 dxc3 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxc3 Bd7
26.Nd4 c5 27.Nb5 Re1 28.b3 g5 29.bxa4 Bc6+ 30.f3 Re2+ 31.Kf1 Rd2 32.Re3 Kg7 33.Re5 Kg6 34.f4
gxf4 35.gxf4 h5 36.Rxc5 h4 37.Nc3 h3 38.Rg5+ Kh6 39.Rg3 Bd7 40.Kg1 Kh5 41.Rg8 Bc6 42.Nd5 Kh4

43.Rh8+ Kg3 44.Rg8+ Kf3 45.Rh8 Bd7 46.a5 Bg4 47.Rg8 f5 48.Rg7 Rg2+ 49.Kh1 Rc2 50.Rxb7 Kg3 0-1

Harper,B - Bellon Lopez,J [A21] Western CAN op Richmond (8.1), 16.07.2004

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 Ne7 5.e3 c5 6.a3 Nbc6 7.Rb1 0-0 8.Nge2 d6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.d3 Qd7 11.b4 Rad8 12.b5 Na5 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.Bxd5 b6 15.Bb2 Be6 16.Nc3 Kh8 17.Qc2 Rc8 18.Bg2 f5 19.Nd5 Nb7 20.f4 Nd8 21.a4 exf4 22.gxf4 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Bxb2 24.Qxb2+ Qg7 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.a5 Re8 27.Rf3 Rb8 28.axb6 axb6 29.Ra1 Kf6 30.Ra7 Re7 31.Rxe7 Kxe7 32.Rh3 h5 33.Rg3 Kf6 34.Rg2 Nb7 35.Kf2 Na5 36.Kf3 h4 37.Ra2 Re8 38.Rb2 Re7 39.e4 Rg7 40.exf5 gxf5 41.Re2 Re7 42.Rxe7 Kxe7 43.Kg2 Nb3 44.Kh3 Nc1 45.Kxh4 Kf6 46.Kg3 ½-½

Cramling,P - Henson,J [A49] Western CAN op Richmond (8.2), 16.07.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Bg7 6.e4 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Nde2 d6 9.h3 Rb8 10.a4 a6 11.0-0 b6 12.Be3 Bb7 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rac1 Ba8 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.Rfe1 Rbc8 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Qc4 21.Qxb6 Rb8 22.Qa5 Rxb2 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Qd8+ Kg7 25.Qxe7 Qc5 26.Qe4 Rb4 27.c4 Rxa4 28.h4 h5 29.Qc2 Rb4 30.Qc3+ Kg8 31.Re1 Rb8 32.Re7 Rf8 33.Qf6 Qxc4 34.Qxd6 a5 35.Qe5 a4 36.d6 Bxg2 37.Kxg2 Qc6+ 38.Kg1 Qc1+ 39.Kh2 Qf1 40.Qf6 a3 41.d7 Qd3 42.Rxf7 Rxf7 43.d8Q+ Qxd8 44.Qxd8+ Kh7 45.Kg2 a2 46.Qa5 a1B 47.Qxa1 Kg8 48.Qe5 Kh7 49.Kf1 Kg8 50.Ke2 Kh7 51.Ke3 Kg8 52.f3 1-0

Davies,L - Welling,G [B00] Western CAN op Richmond (8.3), 16.07.2004

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 e6 6.Nbd2 d6 7.Re1 Nd7 8.c3 Ne7 9.Nf1 0-0 10.Ng3 c5 11.Be3 h6 12.Qd2 Kh7 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.h4 Rad8 15.Nh2 e5 16.Bb1 exd4 17.cxd4 Nc6 18.d5 Nce5 19.Qe2 Nb8 20.Qc2 Qe7 21.h5 Qh4 22.hxg6+ fxg6 23.Ne2 Ba6 24.g3 Qh5 25.Nf4 Rxf4 26.Bxf4 Nbd7 27.Kg2 g5 28.Bc1 g4 29.Re3 Rf8 30.Rh1 Kg8 31.Qd1 Qf7 32.Qe1 White offered a draw. 32...h5 33.Bc2 Bh6 34.Bd1 Bd3 35.f4 gxf3+ 36.Nxf3 Bxe3 37.Qxe3 Nxf3 38.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 39.Bxf3 Ne5 40.Bf4 Re8 41.Rxh5 Nxf3 42.Kxf3 Rxe4 43.Rh2 Rd4 44.Bxd6 Rxd5 45.Bf4 b5 46.g4 a5 47.Rh5 Rxh5 48.gxh5 Bc4 ½-½

Lee,M - Oszvald,J [B06] Western CAN op Richmond (8.14), 16.07.2004

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Bc4 c5 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.0-0 d6 6.a3 a6 7.d3 Nf6 8.h3 b5 9.Ba2 0-0 10.Be3 e5 11.Nh2 Nh5 12.Qd2 Nd4 13.Bg5 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.c3 Ne6 17.Rae1 Nef4 18.Qe3 Be6 19.Kh1 Kh8 20.c4 f5 21.exf5 gxf5 22.Nf3 Rg8 23.Rg1 Bxd5 24.cxd5 Qf6 25.Kh2 Rae8 26.g3 Nxh3 27.Kxh3 e4 28.dxe4 fxe4 29.Nh4 Qxb2 30.Bb1 Nf6 31.Re2 Qe5 32.Rge1 Rg4 33.f4 Qxd5 34.Qc3 Qe6 35.f5 Qe5 36.Qxe5 Rxe5 37.Re3 d5 38.Bd3 c4 39.Bc2 d4 40.Rxe4 Rgxe4 41.Bxe4 Rxe4 42.Rxe4 Nxe4 43.Kg2 c3 0-1

Lister,C - Strazhnik,M [A05] Western CAN op Richmond (9.23), 17.07.2004

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.d3 g6 5.e4 d6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nh4 e5 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 Nxe4 11.Nxe4 d5 12.Ng5 h6 13.Ngf3 Bf6 14.Qe1 Nc6 15.c3 Kh7 16.Bh3 Ba6 17.Qg3 Bxd3 18.Ng5+ hxg5 19.fxg5 Bxf1 20.gxf6 Bxh3 21.Qg5 Kg8 22.Nxg6 1-0

Lee,V - Bellon Lopez,J [A57] Western CAN op Richmond (10.2), 18.07.2004

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 c5 3.d5 d6 4.c4 e5 5.g3 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 Ne8 8.Nc3 f5 9.e4 h6 10.Re1 fxe4 11.Nxe4 Bf5 12.Nc3 Na6 13.a3 Qd7 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nce4 Nxe4 16.Nxe4 b5 17.cxb5 Qxb5 18.f4 exf4 19.Bxf4 c4 20.Kh1 Qd7 21.Rc1 Rac8 22.Qe2 Bg4 23.Qd2 Rfe8 24.Qd4 Bf8 25.Nxd6 Bxd6 26.Bxd6

Be2 27.Be5 Bd3 28.d6 Nc5 29.Qd5+ Kh8 30.Bc3 Be2 31.Qd2 Bd3 32.Qxh6+ Bh7 33.Bh3 Qb7+ 34.Kg1 Nd3 35.d7 1-0

WCO BUGHOUSE OPEN by Ben Daswani

The WCO Open was held after round ten of the Western Canadian Open in the adjacent skittles room on July 18. Twenty-seven players (25 were also players in the WCO) participated in a somewhat hectic event, making it the most attended tournament in Bughouse BC's history! Bruce Harper devised a way of "accelerating" pairings by giving each participant a first-round bye depending on their ranking. It definitely avoided the typical "wasted rounds" at the beginning but it will have to be tried in a longer tournament before an accurate assessment can be made.

When the dust settled, the winner was Manitoba's Joshua Henson with a score of 18.5/24. Tied for second were Ben Daswani and Fanhao Meng with 16.5, followed by Bruce Harper and Jesse Bouvier with 16. Jack Yoos, German FM Hartmut Metz and Travis Lane rounded out the top with 15.

The event featured fourteen (!) newcomers to rated bughouse in BC, including Swedish GM Pia Cramling who, unfortunately, was forced to withdraw after the penultimate round due to bughouse exhaustion.

The crosstable can be found at <http://bug.chessbc.com/tourn022x.html>.

CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP SPOTS

This year's Canadian Championship and Zonal will take place in Toronto at the end of August. There is a 2200 minimum rating requirement, but each provincial association is allowed to designate up to three U2200 players who may play in the Championship. If you are rated under 2200 and are interested in playing in the Canadian Championship, please let the BCCF executive know by e-mailing swright2@telus.net.

N.B., granting of one of these designated spots to a player permits them to enter the Championship, but there is no financial support provided by the BCCF.

<http://www.torontochess.org/2004ClosedAd.htm>

VANCOUVER ISLAND SUMMER CHESS FESTIVAL

July 24-25

UVIC Human & Social Development Bldg., Room A260/A250.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to test your chess skills against two of the world's best players, grandmasters Pia Cramling and Juan Bellon Lopez, on July 24, 2004 at the Chess Festival's simultaneous exhibition. \$15 entry fee.

10:00 am GM Cramling will simultaneously play all challengers.

1:00 pm GM Bellon will simultaneously play all challengers.

5:00 pm BBQ for simul attendees at 1531 Queensbury Ave

Light concession available

9:30 am registration or contact Gregory Churchill

Vancouver Island Blitz Championship

July 25

10-10:45 am Gregory Churchill will give a lecture, topic tba.

10:45-11 am registration for Vancouver Island Blitz Championship

11 am - 2:30 pm (includes a short lunch break) Island Blitz Championship

6 rounds/12 games; play each opponent twice, once with each colour.

\$10 entry fee, single section / cash prizes tba / based on entry

VANCOUVER SUPER SATURDAY (ii)

Dates: Saturdays July 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Times: 5:00 P.M.

Type: Regular Swiss

Time Controls: 30/90, SD/60

Byes: Rds. 1-4

Entry Fee: Adults \$30, Juniors and Seniors \$20 (non-CFC members add \$10 for tournament membership).

Prizes: 1st. **\$\$\$ 400.00 \$\$\$** (min. 30 players)

2nd Special Prizes courtesy of Chess First! Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

Miscellaneous: Two sections if numbers permit. Please visit our sponsor.

Registration: In advance or at site 4:45 - 5:00 PM

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CANADIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

B.C. has two new national champions, Tiffany Tang and Alexandra Botez! As we reported last time, Stefan Trandafir and Sam Churchill (U14B), Tiffany Tang (U14G), Alexandra Botez (U10G), and Chelsea and Erika Ruiter (U12G and U10G respectively) took part in this year's National CYCC, held in Kapuskasing July 6th to July 9th. Tiffany scored 4.5/5 to win the Girls U14 Championship, Alexandra won the Girls U10 Championship with 6.5/7, and Stefan tied for third in the Boys U14 Championship with 4/7. Congratulations to all the players for representing B.C. so well at the nationals!



Quan,Z - Trandafir,S [A94] CYCC U14B Kapuskasing (1), 06.07.2004

1.d4 f5 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.b3 0-0 7.c4 c6 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Nbd7 10.b4 Ne4
11.b5 Qa5 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Qd3 Ba6 14.Rfc1 Rab8 15.Qe3 Rb2 16.Bf1 Ndf6 17.h3 Qa4 18.Ne5 g5
19.f3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 Kh8 21.Qxc3 Qxa3 22.cxd5 Qe3+ 23.Kh1 Rb7 24.Qg1 Qxc3+ 25.Kxc3 Rg7+
26.Kf2 cxd5 27.Rc6 Bc8 28.Rac1 Rgg8 29.Rc7 Ne8 30.Rxc8 Nd6 31.Rxf8 Rxf8 32.Rc6 Nb5 33.e3
Na3 34.Rxe6 Nb1 35.Bd3 Nc3 36.Re7 Nxa2 37.Nd7 Rg8 38.Nf6 Rg7 39.Re8+ Rg8 40.Rxc8# 1-0

Orlova,L - Botez,A [B23] CYCC U10G Kapuskasing (3), 07.07.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Ne7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 f5 8.exf5 Nxf5 9.Nge2 Nxe3 10.fxe3 0-
0 11.Rf1 Rxf1+ 12.Kxf1 Nc6 13.Kg1 Bd7 14.Rf1 Qe7 15.Qe1 Rf8 16.Rxf8+ Qxf8 17.Qf2 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2
b6 19.Ke1 Bh6 20.e4 Ne5 21.h3 Kf7 22.d4 Nc4 23.dxc5 bxc5 24.b3 Ne3 25.Kf2 Nxc2 26.g4 Nd4
27.Ng3 Bd2 28.Nce2 Nxe2 29.Kxe2 Bb4 30.Ke3 a5 31.a4 Kf6 32.Kd3 Ke5 33.Ke3 d5 34.Bh1 c4
35.bxc4 dxc4 36.Ne2 Bxa4 37.Nc1 Bb3 38.Ke2 a4 39.h4 a3 40.Bg2 a2 41.Nxa2 Bxa2 42.Kd1 c3
43.Kc2 Kd4 44.Bf1 Bc4 45.Bxc4 Kxc4 46.h5 e5 47.hxg6 hxg6 48.g5 Kd4 49.Kd1 Kxe4 50.Kc2 Kf3
51.Kc1 e4 0-1

<http://www.kapchess.com/kapchess/youth.html>

CHESS IN BRAZIL

From Eduardo Moura: "Mr. Mauro Amaral - an acquaintance of mine - chess arbiter and organizer from Sao Paulo, Brazil, has asked me if I could help him publicize his chess tournaments and web page among the Canadian chess public. Mr. Amaral regularly organizes IM and GM tournaments in Sao Paulo. In June he is running two closed tournaments with IM norms and in July one tournament with GM norms! His web address is: www.comunic.com.br/xadrez/ Perhaps in the future we could have Canadians playing in his tournaments. I see at Mr Amaral's web page that he already has some US players playing this year, so why not Canadians?! Anyway this may be a good opportunity to strengthen the ties between Canadian and Brazilian chess players."

Mr. Amaral can be contacted directly at xadrez@estado.com.br

Alcan has asked me to organize a chess tournament for their 50th anniversary celebration here in Kitimat, on the 31st of July. It will be a 15 minutes per game per side, clocked event with 5 rounds. It will start at 13:00 hours, (1 in the afternoon) and go till 17:00 hours (or 5 in the afternoon). It will be held in the main ceremonies tent at the Riverlodge Rec Center. This is not a rated event because it is open to all persons partaking in the Alcan celebrations. I will be purchasing 10 new sets and 10 new clocks which I hope to be using as prizes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. This is a free event.

[The person who is now looking after the Alcan tournament is Al Annett, aannett@telus.net]

UPCOMING EVENTS

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type. Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, www.chess.bc.ca.

Vancouver League: Class Round Robins

In these Round Robins players will grouped according to their class or within a rating spread of no more than 200 or 300 points. The games will take place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway) during the evening on Saturdays and/or Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating on these events please send an e-mail to the following address: azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca
For more information visit: <http://www3.telus.net/chessvancouver/>

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss June/July

Dates: June 29, July 6, 20, 27, August 3
Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309
Type: 5-round Swiss

Super Saturday Swiss (ii)

Dates: Saturdays July 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Type: 5-round Swiss

Summer Pre-Master

Dates: July 31, August 1
Place: Room 421, Henry Angus Building, UBC
Type: 4-round Swiss

Rod Planas Memorial Chess Tournament

Dates: August 7-8, 2004
Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna
Type: 5-round Swiss

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss August

Dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309
Type: 5-round Swiss

Marathon Chess Madness

Dates: August 28-29
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: various

Vancouver League Qualifier #1

Dates: September 18, 25 & October 2, 9, 16
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: 5-round Swiss

Silver Star Challenge (Interior Qualifier)

Date: Nov. 13 & 14
Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon
Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #2

Dates: November 20, 27 & December 4, 11, 18
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #3

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 28 & February 5, 2005
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver League Qualifier #4

Dates: March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2005
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: 5-round Swiss